Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Thomas L. Hopper graduated from Roncalli High School in 1974, attended St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota, and graduated in 1978 with a degree in political science/history, and in 1980, he received a secondary education teaching degree from Northern State University; and,

Whereas, Thomas was elected in 1981 to the city commission at the age of 25 for a 1-year term and was re-elected in 1982, 1987, 1992, and 1997; and,

Whereas, Thomas ran for and was elected mayor of Aberdeen in June 1999, and served one term; and,

Whereas, Thomas, in conjunction with his elected duties, has worked for the Northeast South Dakota Head Start Program since 1985; and,

Whereas, Thomas loves to pheasant hunt and has three devoted Gordon Setters, Elsa, Winston, and Shona, who spend a lot of quality time with him; and,

Whereas, Thomas's hobbies include hunting, training hunting dogs, hunting, rollerblading, hunting, exercising, hunting, and reading historical material, and did I mention hunting?; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to thank Thomas L. Hopper for his 23 years of dedicated service to the city of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and to wish him well in his future endeavors:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2004, as

THOMAS L. HOPPER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his friends, family, and colleagues in honoring Thomas and wishing him a future filled with good health and happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State